

# England and Wales Research Online

## Free and For-Pay Websites for UK Research

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Official birth, marriage and death records for England and Wales began in 1837, census records in 1841. Church records go as far back as the 1500's in some locations. Some web sites offer indexes to those records, some offer images, and some offer both indexes and images. You may need to use more than one resource to get to the original record. Some examples:

- Use an index on the FreeBMD site, then order the record through the General Register Office.
- Use an index from a county's Online Parish Clerks web site, then find a digitized copy of the original record using a FamilySearch.org "Browse" collection.
- Indexed collections at FamilySearch.org may reference a microfilm number. Use the Photoduplication Request process to receive the image via email, or order the entire film.
- Some indexed collections at FamilySearch.org are connected to findmypast images which can be viewed for free at the FHC, or on-line from home for a small fee.

### Census Records (1841-1911)

- Findmypast (\$) – excellent search tools, available for free in FHC.
- Ancestry.com (\$) – available for free in FHC.
- FamilySearch.org - Index only, not grouped by household; view images in FHC.
- [FreeCEN.org.uk](http://www.freecen.org.uk) – 1841-1871, 1891 only, not all counties transcribed.  
See <http://www.freecen.org.uk/statistics.html> to see what counties are available by year.

### Civil Registration (1837-present)

- <http://www.freebmd.org.uk/> - powerful but complex search, not all counties transcribed. See <http://www.freebmd.org.uk/progress.shtml> for current list. Use FreeBMD to locate the record, then order original at [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk)
- Findmypast (\$) – has images of the *indexes*, but original certificates still have to come directly from the General Register Office (GRO).
- Ancestry.com actually searches FreeBMD.

### Parish Registers - Church of England, "Non-conformist" (1538-1900's)

- <http://www.freereg.org.uk/>
- findmypast (\$)
- Online Parish Clerks (OPC) – [http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/online\\_parish\\_clerk](http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/online_parish_clerk)
- FamilySearch.org indexed and "browse" collections
- FamilySearch Family History Library Catalog (FHLIC)

### Learning and Links

- FamilySearch Wiki – [wiki.familysearch.org](http://wiki.familysearch.org)
- GenUKI – UK and Ireland research
- Family History Wiki – [ancestry.com/wiki](http://ancestry.com/wiki)

## Sample case study:

## More information about record 937055 in the Marriages database

Day Month 27-Feb  
 Year 1803  
 Parish Or Reg District Austell, St.  
 Groom Fn William  
 Groom Sn STRIPP  
 Groom Age  
 Groom Residence otp  
 Groom Condition bachelor  
 Groom Rank Profession  
 Groom Signed / Marked (S/M) S  
 Groom Father Name  
 Groom Father Rank Profession  
 Bride Fn Mary  
 Bride Sn JULYAN  
 Bride Age  
 Bride Residence otp  
 Bride Condition spinster  
 Bride Rank Profession  
 Bride Signed / Marked (S/M) S  
 Bride Father Name  
 Bride Father Rank Profession  
 Banns / Licence (B/L) L  
 Witness Fn1 Honour  
 Witness Sn1 JULYAN  
 Witness Fn2 John  
 Witness Sn2 JULYAN  
 Other Information  
 Transcriber Notes groom signed William Slade Stripp  
 Transcriber M Davey/M Cordrey

Locate a marriage for William Stripp and Mary (unknown) using index available via Cornwall OPC:

1. Go to <http://www.cornwall-opc-database.org/home/> and click on [Search Database] and then [Marriages].
2. Search for "forename" William, "surname" Stripp.
3. Evaluate search results. Select record for William Stripp and Mary Julyan and click on [more].
4. Note parish (St. Austell) and date.

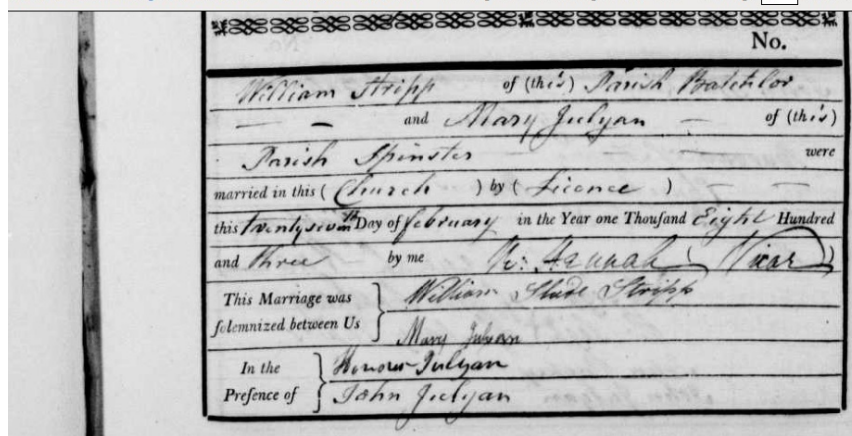


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Locate "browse" image of marriage for William Stripp and Mary Julyan using FamilySearch collections:

5. Go to FamilySearch.org and click on [Search].
6. Scroll down below the search fields and click on the link to "Browse All Published Collections."
7. Type "Cornwall" in the [Filter by Collection Name] field, then click on the collection title "England, Cornwall and Devon Parish Registers, 1538-2010".
8. Navigate through images to find marriages for 1803. Scan pages for surnames.